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AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS

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Madam:

Preliminary Remarks. **a.**)

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the non-final Office Action, mail dated October 5, 2005, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of applicant's remarks below.

- Amendments to the Specification None. **b.**)
- Amendments to the Claims None. **c.**)